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SUBJECT: SUDAN: Response to Egypt's Proposal on the AU/UN
Political Process

¶1. Egyptian FM Aboul Gheit sent a verbal message to
Secretary Rice on May 10 proposing ideas on how to

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reinvigorate the Darfur peace process. Please deliver the
following letter from Secretary Rice. No signed original
will follow.

¶2. BEGIN TEXT:

Dear Mr. Minister:

Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of UN
peacekeeper Lieutenant Colonel Ehab Nazih in Darfur. His
sacrifice and the hard work of all Egyptians contributing
to the international community's mission will be
remembered and are greatly appreciated.

Thank you as well for your letter regarding ideas for
reinvigorating the peace process in Darfur. United States
thinking closely follows your proposals on the political

process. We welcome your support of the UN/AU-led
mediation process as agreed on April 29th in Tripoli and
your assistance in holding the Government of Sudan to the
commitments it made in Abuja and Addis Ababa.

I look forward to working with you, the UN Security
Council, and the international community to advance a
roadmap to bring non-signatory rebel movements into the
Darfur Peace Agreement. While international involvement
will be key to monitoring the political process, we are
concerned that an international conference to endorse a
roadmap could delay progress and be seen by Sudan as an
opportunity to try to further stall, and dilute its
commitments and the AU/UN hybrid force.

We should move forward now with the AU/UN hybrid force in
parallel with the political process as called for by the
November 2006 Addis Ababa agreement. I appreciate Egypt's
offer of troops to the UN Heavy Support package and
Armored Personnel Carriers to the Light Support Package.
Given the urgency of the issue and the possibility of
increased instability in Darfur, I ask that Egypt provide
the troops and equipment the UN has requested as soon as
possible, without pre-conditions. Any delay in the
deployment would contribute to more instability in Darfur.

Again, thank you for your efforts to resolve this crisis
and achieve peace in Darfur.

Sincerely,
Condoleezza Rice
END TEXT.
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